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In re U.S. patent application of:)
Ray Miller) Before the Examiner
Serial No. 09/873,805) John A. Ricci
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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR) February 28, 2003
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RESPONSE TO SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2002, please consider the following response to the Species Requirement. Additionally, please find enclosed a Request for Extension of Time to and including February 28, 2003. Please provide any additional extensions of time necessary and charge any additional fees due or credit any payment to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include payment of issue fees.

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